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Foster Dulles came in this morning. I agreed to stay around for about three weeks after the inauguration, and be helpful in any way I could. He has not yet selected anyone for my position, and wants me to [redacted] after the 20th of January and act as a consultant. I told him I would do this for a reasonable time.

Alton Jones called me from New York and we had a [redacted] talk about Iran. Mossadegh has asked him to provide a half dozen technicians to put the Abadan lubricating plant into operation, so [redacted] it can supply the domestic needs of the country. He wished to know whether the State Department had any objection to this. I told him [redacted] we did not.

I talked to Loy Henderson about Iranian affairs. He shares my belief that the British Government will not make its definite and final attitude known before the new Administration takes office.

Doc and I went to the airport to meet Dean. The President was there, and I had a good chat with him. Afterwards, Doc and I lunched at the Metropolitan Club.

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Upon our return, we went to the secretary's office to discuss EDC, the foreign aid budget, the Vincent case, and Iran.

I saw Doug MacArthur this afternoon, and went over with him the plans of General Eisenhower and Dulles to have him assume the post of Minister at the Paris Embassy on February 1. I am writing Jimmy Dunn on this subject tonight, and am afraid the news will be a [redacted] blow to Ted Achilles, whom Doug will be replacing.

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Tom Mann came to see me about the Bolivian tin situation, and I authorized him to go ahead with the RFC in opening conversations for a long-term contract coupled with compensation to American stockholders of the nationalized companies. I believe ~~MMMM~~ Patino is the only one actually which has any American stockholders.

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